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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire increased by 1,370 from mid-March to mid-April. The latest total of 28,250 represents 5.4 percent of the civilian labor force of 525,860. In March the rate was 5.2 percent and a year ago it was 4.5 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.1 percent in April, 7.5 percent in March and 7.6 percent a year ago. The largest unemployment increases occurred in the Berlin and Littleton areas with unemployment increases of 730 and 510 respectively. This was due chiefly to layoffs in trade and services as the winter tourist season ended, as well as to layoffs in logging as the mud season temporarily curtailed many operations. The Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester area recorded the largest unemployment decrease with 750 fewer unemployed. New manufacturing jobs as well as increases in construction and trade were each factors in reducing unemployment in this area. The lowest unemployment rate in the state was in the Manchester area with 3.8 percent unemployed. Compared to a year ago all areas except the Claremont area had higher unemployment levels.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 4,850 from March as manufacturing was down 500 and nonmanufacturing was up 5,350. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 30,150 workers as manufacturing is up 1,600 and nonmanufacturing 28,550. The largest industrial gain in manufacturing occurred in machinery with an increase of 1,800. In nonmanufacturing, trade recorded the largest over the year gain with an increase of 14,700 jobs. Overall, the largest industrial decrease occurred in leather products which lost 1,650 jobs over the year. Clearly, the footwear industry in New Hampshire continues to undergo a very difficult period.

Manchester Economic Conditions: Total unemployment decreased by 100 as the unemployment rate dropped from 4.0 to 3.8 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.3 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 600 from March, and is up 2,900 from the year ago level. Manufacturing increased by 200 while nonmanufacturing is up 2,700. The largest industrial gains over the year occurred in services with an increase of 950 and in trade with 500.

Nashua Economic Conditions: Total unemployment increased by 310 from March as the unemployment rate increased to 4.1 from 3.8 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.9 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 600 from March and is up 5,600 from a year ago. Manufacturing increased 1,350 while nonmanufacturing increased 4,250. The largest industrial gain occurred in machinery and electrical products with an increase of 1,750 workers. In nonmanufacturing, services increased by 1,700 and trade by 1,400.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change		Number of Workers			Numerical Change		Number of Workers			Numerical Change	
	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	From Previous Month	Year	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	From Previous Month	Year	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	From Previous Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	525,860	520,700	509,600	5,160	16,260	85,710	85,460	85,340	250	370	93,970	93,220	89,370	750	4,600
2. Unemployment	28,250	26,880	23,020	1,370	5,230	3,280	3,380	2,770	-100	510	3,850	3,540	2,570	310	1,280
Percent of labor force	5.4	5.2	4.5	xxx	xxx	3.8	4.0	3.3	xxx	xxx	4.1	3.8	2.9	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	497,610	493,820	486,580	3,790	11,030	82,430	82,080	82,570	350	-140	90,120	89,680	86,800	440	3,320
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	465,250	460,400	435,100	4,850	30,150	78,100	77,500	75,200	600	2,900	83,350	82,750	77,750	600	5,600
Manufacturing	123,050	123,550	121,450	-500	1,600	15,700	15,750	15,500	-50	200	37,150	37,500	35,800	-350	1,350
Durable goods	83,950	84,650	80,650	-700	3,300	9,200	9,100	8,750	100	450	31,550	31,900	29,550	-350	2,000
Lumber & wood prods.	5,300	5,300	5,050	0	250										
Furniture & fixtures	1,300	1,350	1,400	-50	-100										
Stone & clay prods.	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200										
Primary metal prods.	4,900	4,900	4,400	0	500										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,700	6,750	7,000	-50	-300										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,500	25,550	23,700	-50	1,800										
Electrical prods.	26,600	27,050	26,100	-450	500	5,750	5,750	5,600	0	150	24,400	24,700	22,650	-300	1,750
Miscellaneous prods.	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	200										
Other durables	8,450	8,550	8,200	-100	250	3,450	3,350	3,150	100	300	7,150	7,200	6,900	-50	250
Nondurable goods	39,100	38,900	40,800	200	-1,700	6,500	6,650	6,750	-150	-250	5,600	5,600	6,250	0	-650
Food & kindred prods.	3,100	3,150	2,800	-50	300										
Textile mill prods.	4,000	4,100	4,300	-100	-300	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0					
Apparel	2,600	2,600	2,850	0	-250										
Paper & allied prods.	5,550	5,550	5,700	0	-150										
Print., pub. & allied	6,900	6,800	6,700	100	200										
Leather & lea. prods.	6,000	5,850	7,650	150	-1,650										
Other nondurables	10,950	10,850	10,800	100	150	4,400	4,550	4,650	-150	-250					
Nonmanufacturing	342,200	336,850	313,650	5,350	28,550	62,400	61,750	59,700	650	2,700	46,200	45,250	41,950	950	4,250
Construction (inc. min.)	29,100	26,600	26,450	2,500	2,650	4,150	3,900	3,450	250	700	3,600	3,350	3,150	250	450
Trans., comm. & util.	15,200	15,000	15,250	200	-50	4,650	4,650	4,850	0	-200	2,250	2,250	2,100	0	150
Trade	114,500	112,700	99,800	1,800	14,700	20,350	20,200	19,850	150	500	17,150	16,850	15,750	300	1,400
Fin., ins. & real estate	25,400	25,200	22,900	200	2,500	6,750	6,800	6,350	-50	400	2,700	2,700	2,400	0	300
Service industry & other	93,400	92,950	86,700	450	6,700	18,800	18,650	17,850	150	950	14,750	14,400	13,050	350	1,700
Government	64,600	64,400	62,550	200	2,050	7,700	7,550	7,350	150	350	5,750	5,700	5,500	50	250
Federal	12,100	12,000	11,750	100	350	2,200	2,200	2,150	0	50	700	700	700	0	0
State	17,200	17,100	16,400	100	800	850	850	800	0	50	200	200	200	0	0
Local	35,300	35,300	34,400	0	900	4,650	4,500	4,400	150	250	4,850	4,800	4,600	50	250

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

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Labor Disputes:

Machinery And Electrical Products Combined

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Area and County

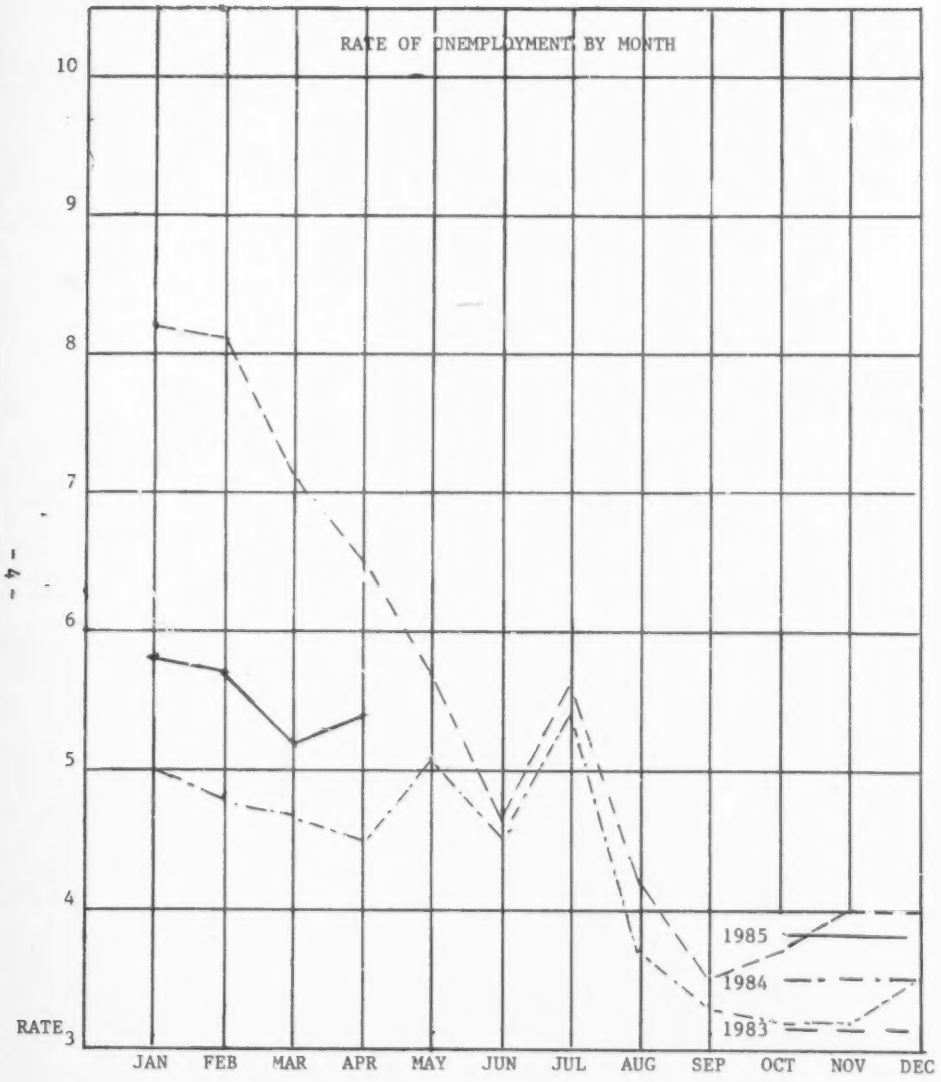
Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	April 1985		March 1985		April 1984								
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	Month	Year
United States**	8,150	7.1	8,625	7.5	8,525	7.6	-475	-375	114,325	114,394	112,152	-69	2,173
New Hampshire	28,250	5.4	26,880	5.2	23,030	4.5	1,370	5,220	525,860	520,700	509,600	5,160	16,260
Area													
Berlin LMA	2,090	10.7	1,360	7.0	1,720	9.3	730	370	19,490	19,260	18,540	230	950
Claremont LMA	1,520	4.0	1,370	3.7	1,870	5.1	150	-350	37,540	36,930	36,410	610	1,130
Concord LMA	1,850	4.1	1,890	4.2	1,680	3.8	-40	170	44,970	44,630	43,690	340	1,280
Keene LMA	1,740	4.5	1,500	3.9	1,420	3.8	240	320	38,280	37,930	37,060	350	1,220
Laconia LMA	2,460	5.5	2,470	5.6	1,830	4.2	-10	630	44,570	43,970	43,350	600	1,220
Littleton LMA	1,510	10.6	1,000	6.9	1,450	10.4	510	60	14,250	14,370	13,910	-120	340
Manchester MSA	3,280	3.8	3,380	4.0	2,780	3.3	-100	500	85,710	85,460	85,340	250	370
Nashua PMSA	3,850	4.1	3,540	3.8	2,570	2.9	310	1,280	93,970	93,220	89,370	750	4,600
N.H. Portion of Lawrence Haverhill MA. PMSA ***	3,320	7.2	3,220	7.1	2,670	5.9	100	650	46,080	45,630	45,270	450	810
Portsmouth - Dover - Rochester N.H. - ME.	5,640	5.4	6,390	6.2	4,590	5.2	-750	1,050	104,350	102,390	100,050	1,960	4,300
Unattached Area ****	1,150	7.6	1,180	8.1	870	5.4	-30	280	15,250	14,510	14,120	740	1,130
Town of Pelham (Part of Lowell MA - NH PMSA)	310	5.9	250	4.9	130	2.8	60	180	5,200	5,070	4,650	130	550
County													
Belknap	1,400	6.1	1,520	6.7	950	4.3	-120	450	22,870	22,680	22,100	190	770
Carroll	860	6.4	710	5.3	770	5.9	150	90	13,570	13,430	13,150	140	420
Cheshire	1,610	4.7	1,390	4.1	1,320	4.0	220	290	34,330	34,020	33,240	310	1,090
Coos	1,970	11.5	1,320	7.8	1,820	11.0	650	150	17,140	17,010	16,530	130	610
Grafton	2,110	6.1	1,600	4.7	1,740	5.3	510	370	34,470	34,130	33,180	340	1,290
Hillsborough	7,490	4.2	7,080	4.0	5,280	3.1	410	2,210	178,220	176,730	172,250	1,490	5,970
Merrimack	2,310	4.2	2,270	4.1	1,990	3.7	40	320	55,250	54,720	53,800	530	1,450
Rockingham	5,960	5.7	6,170	6.0	5,420	5.3	-210	540	104,130	102,900	101,960	1,230	2,170
Strafford	3,640	7.8	4,010	8.7	2,400	5.4	-370	1,240	46,460	45,980	44,290	480	2,170
Sullivan	900	4.6	810	4.2	1,340	7.0	90	-440	19,420	19,100	19,100	320	320

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

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Item	1985	1984	1983	1982
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - April	316.7			
Percent change from year ago	4.1			
Year average		307.6	297.4	288.6
Percent increase each year		3.4	3.0	6.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - April	320.1			
Percent change from year ago	3.7			
Year average		311.1	298.4	289.1
Percent increase each year		4.3	3.2	6.1

Labor Force, Unemployment and Rate
by Area in
New Hampshire 1984

Area	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
New Hampshire													
Labor Force	503,000	500,410	502,920	509,600	514,790	527,240	531,320	532,070	531,520	529,020	527,010	531,090	520,000
Unemployment	25,200	23,820	23,860	23,030	26,290	23,790	28,510	19,650	17,600	16,790	17,110	18,360	22,000
Rate	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.5	5.1	4.5	5.4	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.5	4.2
Berlin LMA													
Labor Force	18,990	18,600	18,560	18,540	18,710	19,250	20,070	20,110	20,010	19,330	19,770	19,360	19,280
Unemployment	1,500	1,300	1,290	1,720	1,750	1,160	1,150	800	720	640	920	990	1,160
Rate	7.9	7.0	6.9	9.3	9.3	6.0	5.7	4.0	3.6	3.3	4.9	5.1	6.0
Claremont LMA													
Labor Force	35,960	35,370	35,540	36,410	35,960	36,470	35,760	36,510	36,420	36,950	36,620	36,700	36,220
Unemployment	1,710	1,430	1,660	1,870	1,310	1,140	1,160	860	750	1,100	900	990	1,240
Rate	4.8	4.0	4.7	5.1	3.6	3.1	3.2	2.4	2.1	3.0	2.5	2.7	3.4
Concord LMA													
Labor Force	43,780	43,400	43,320	43,690	43,790	44,430	43,210	43,820	44,800	44,600	44,520	45,070	44,040
Unemployment	2,450	2,200	2,020	1,680	1,620	1,500	1,820	1,190	1,060	1,020	1,010	1,280	1,570
Rate	5.6	5.1	4.7	3.8	3.7	3.4	4.2	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.8	3.6
Keene LMA													
Labor Force	36,620	36,340	36,580	37,060	37,120	37,710	37,090	36,980	37,780	38,130	38,930	39,320	37,470
Unemployment	1,770	1,470	1,370	1,420	1,290	1,340	1,600	970	860	850	880	960	1,230
Rate	4.8	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	4.3	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4	3.3
Laconia LMA													
Labor Force	42,720	42,520	42,740	43,350	43,980	46,570	47,560	47,870	46,070	44,730	43,860	44,420	44,700
Unemployment	2,290	2,150	2,170	1,830	1,450	1,300	1,670	1,240	1,170	1,010	1,220	1,540	1,590
Rate	5.4	5.1	5.1	4.2	3.3	2.8	3.5	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.8	3.5	3.6
Littleton LMA													
Labor Force	14,360	14,210	14,060	13,910	13,720	14,780	15,150	15,360	15,420	14,860	13,960	14,640	14,540
Unemployment	1,080	1,050	1,070	1,450	1,090	620	750	410	480	480	920	860	860
Rate	7.5	7.4	7.6	10.4	8.0	4.2	4.9	2.7	3.1	3.3	6.6	5.9	5.9
Manchester MSA													
Labor Force	84,970	83,790	84,060	85,340	85,600	86,400	88,750	88,560	89,120	89,990	90,440	90,800	87,320
Unemployment	3,500	3,040	3,130	2,780	3,200	2,850	3,710	2,530	2,250	2,120	2,030	2,370	2,790
Rate	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.3	4.2	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.6	3.2
Nashua PMSA													
Labor Force	87,400	87,690	88,450	89,370	90,070	92,250	93,980	93,670	94,220	95,100	95,430	96,090	91,980
Unemployment	3,010	3,010	2,920	2,570	2,820	2,810	3,260	2,510	2,370	2,260	2,240	2,440	2,690
Rate	3.4	3.4	3.3	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.5	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.9

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Area	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA													
Labor Force	97,000	97,280	98,200	100,050	104,410	107,840	108,200	107,970	106,790	103,270	101,860	102,190	102,920
Unemployment	5,130	5,160	5,220	4,590	7,580	6,870	8,860	5,440	4,590	4,200	3,870	4,010	5,460
Rate	5.3	5.3	5.3	4.6	7.3	6.4	8.2	5.0	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.9	5.3
Unattached Area													
Labor Force	13,290	13,060	13,480	14,120	14,810	15,270	14,400	13,950	13,420	13,580	13,630	13,660	13,890
Unemployment	1,020	980	1,000	870	1,250	1,130	1,360	850	610	630	630	720	920
Rate	7.7	7.5	7.4	6.2	8.4	7.4	9.4	6.1	4.5	4.6	4.6	5.3	6.6
Salem (N.H. Portion of Lawrence-Haverhill PMSA)													
Labor Force	44,840	45,100	45,020	45,270	44,700	45,210	45,760	46,240	46,020	46,320	46,780	46,840	45,680
Unemployment	2,560	2,780	2,630	2,670	3,410	3,470	3,750	3,160	2,920	2,770	3,080	2,920	3,010
Rate	5.7	6.2	5.8	5.9	7.6	7.7	8.2	6.8	6.4	6.0	6.6	6.2	6.6
Pelham (N.H. Part of Lowell MA. PMSA)													
Labor Force	4,510	4,530	4,570	4,650	4,650	4,710	4,670	4,710	4,800	4,860	4,920	4,950	4,710
Unemployment	130	120	130	130	120	140	130	110	110	110	120	120	120
Rate	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5
Belknap County													
Labor Force	21,820	21,700	21,810	22,100	22,450	23,670	24,190	24,250	23,600	22,800	22,370	22,680	22,770
Unemployment	1,220	1,130	1,140	950	810	690	950	630	610	540	640	820	840
Rate	5.6	5.2	5.2	4.3	3.6	2.9	3.9	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.9	3.6	3.7
Carroll County													
Labor Force	13,080	12,960	13,090	13,150	13,310	13,940	14,190	14,290	13,960	13,610	13,330	13,540	13,540
Unemployment	720	680	760	770	720	550	520	390	350	340	480	500	570
Rate	5.5	5.2	5.8	5.9	5.4	4.0	3.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	3.6	3.7	4.2
Cheshire County													
Labor Force	32,900	32,620	32,830	33,240	33,300	33,820	33,300	33,160	33,850	34,160	34,870	35,230	33,610
Unemployment	1,690	1,390	1,310	1,320	1,210	1,240	1,540	910	790	780	790	880	1,160
Rate	5.1	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.7	4.6	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.5
Coos County													
Labor Force	16.950	16,560	16,450	16,530	16,590	17,120	17,820	17,800	17,730	17,090	16,540	17,120	17,030
Unemployment	1,570	1,340	1,290	1,820	1,740	1,110	1,180	750	690	610	970	1,020	1,170
Rate	9.3	8.1	7.9	11.0	10.5	6.5	6.6	4.2	3.9	3.6	5.9	6.0	6.9

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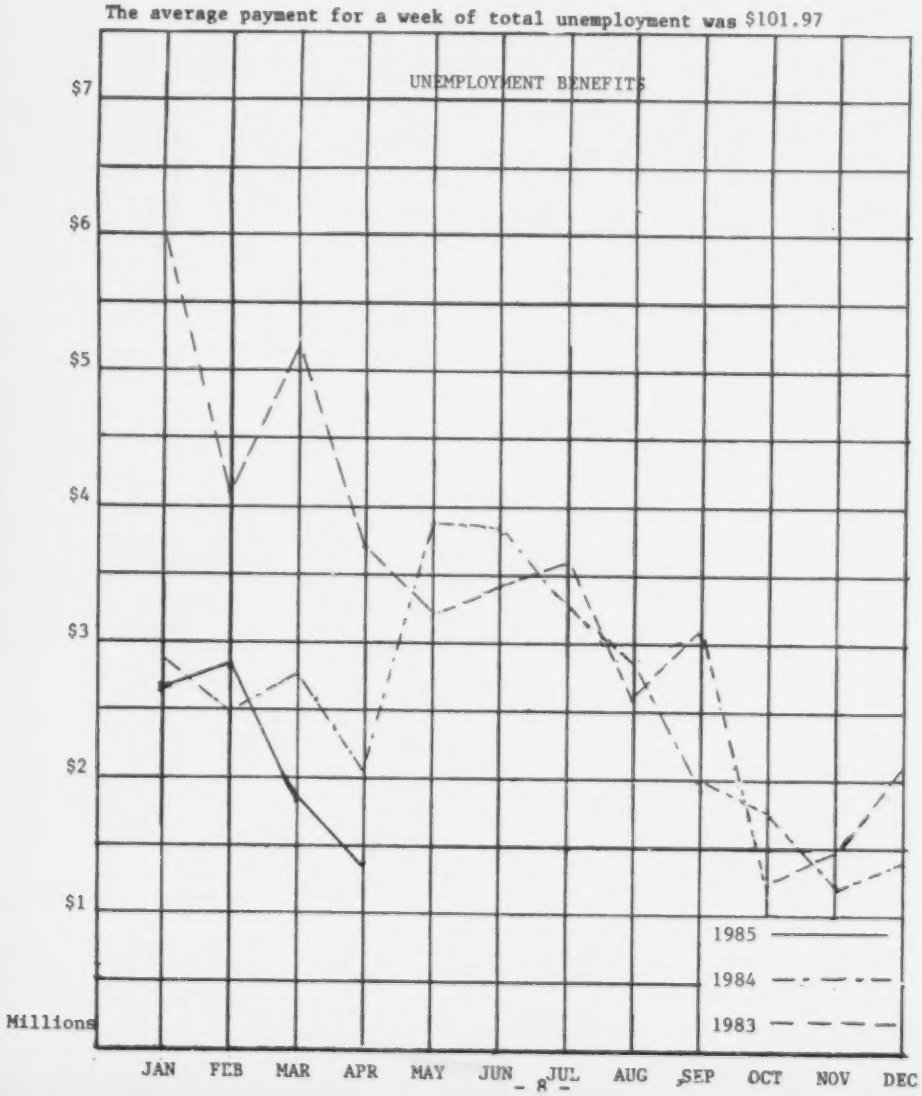
Area	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
Grafton County													
Labor Force	33,490	33,160	33,050	33,180	33,210	34,810	34,950	35,610	35,330	34,690	33,740	34,360	34,130
Unemployment	1,780	1,670	1,660	1,740	1,400	1,050	1,180	870	920	860	1,170	1,200	1,290
Rate	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.3	4.2	3.0	3.4	2.4	2.6	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.8
Hillsborough County													
Labor Force	169,700	168,690	169,930	172,250	173,240	176,430	179,480	179,100	180,200	181,840	182,790	183,760	176,450
Unemployment	6,480	5,870	5,960	5,280	5,860	5,680	6,940	5,040	4,630	4,360	4,380	4,850	5,440
Rate	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.9	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.6	3.1
Merrimack County													
Labor Force	53,900	53,490	53,370	53,800	53,930	55,060	54,410	55,020	55,550	55,250	55,040	55,680	54,540
Unemployment	2,960	2,760	2,510	1,990	1,820	1,690	2,110	1,400	1,260	1,180	1,180	1,560	1,870
Rate	5.5	5.2	4.7	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.9	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.8	3.4
Rockingham County													
Labor Force	99,730	99,900	100,420	101,960	104,030	106,190	105,940	106,530	105,730	104,680	104,360	104,440	103,660
Unemployment	5,420	5,600	5,500	5,420	8,220	7,930	8,340	6,550	5,770	5,130	4,940	4,710	6,130
Rate	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.3	7.9	7.5	7.9	6.1	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.5	5.9
Strafford County	42,890	43,120	43,550	44,290	46,050	47,330	48,470	47,430	47,000	45,710	45,070	45,300	45,520
Labor Force	2,440	2,630	2,720	2,400	3,650	3,140	5,010	2,570	2,200	2,240	2,030	2,200	2,770
Unemployment	5.7	6.1	6.2	5.4	7.9	6.6	10.3	5.4	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.9	6.1
Rate													
Sullivan County													
Labor Force	18,530	18,210	18,430	19,100	18,680	18,870	18,540	18,830	18,740	19,190	18,900	18,980	18,750
Unemployment	920	750	1,000	1,340	860	700	740	500	390	750	530	620	760
Rate	5.0	4.1	5.4	7.0	4.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	2.1	3.9	2.8	3.2	4.1

Weekly Claims Filed During April 1985
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	5,092	17,686	23	95	8	19	43	150	25	67
Berlin	413	1,298	2	9	1	0	2	7	1	3
Claremont	243	651	2	6	0	1	1	9	0	0
Concord	315	1,249	4	28	1	5	5	19	0	3
Conway	111	409	0	4	0	0	0	4	1	4
Dover	631	3,537	1	6	2	5	11	33	5	6
Keene	334	1,157	0	8	0	4	1	8	0	0
Laconia	402	1,396	4	9	0	0	1	7	2	6
Lebanon	62	409	0	0	0	0	2	6	1	4
Littleton	428	1,113	9	11	1	3	3	5	0	0
Manchester	893	2,292	0	5	0	0	4	13	7	14
Nashua	502	1,264	0	4	0	0	1	3	1	1
Portsmouth	345	1,457	1	2	0	0	8	30	6	10
Salem	160	499	0	0	3	1	2	6	0	1
Liable Interstate	253	955	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	15

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $101.97



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$99,244,029.47

Net contributions received during month:

$ 9,350,996.22

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,350,257.88

Interest Received:

0

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984
All manufacturing	$334.11	$335.78	$320.02	40.4	40.8	41.4	$8.27	$8.23	$7.73
Durable goods	348.43	350.64	334.32	40.8	41.3	42.0	8.54	8.49	7.96
Lumber & wood prods.	245.22	257.36	247.16	38.8	39.9	39.8	6.32	6.45	6.21
Furniture & fixtures	263.27	261.75	266.11	38.1	38.1	38.4	6.91	6.87	6.93
Stone & clay prods.	344.11	322.00	328.70	42.8	40.3	42.8	8.04	7.99	7.68
Primary metal prods.	381.60	375.40	357.85	42.4	43.1	44.9	9.00	8.71	7.97
Fab. metal prods.	312.83	314.34	306.06	39.8	40.3	40.7	7.86	7.80	7.52
Mach. (exc. elec.)	372.70	387.63	379.21	42.4	43.8	44.3	8.79	8.85	8.56
Electrical prods.	363.53	363.60	332.51	39.6	40.0	40.9	9.18	9.09	8.13
Miscellaneous prods.	262.14	250.34	252.47	39.9	39.3	41.8	6.57	6.37	6.04
Other durables	366.13	366.74	352.80	41.7	42.3	41.9	8.78	8.67	8.42
Nondurable goods	307.28	307.63	294.19	39.7	39.9	40.3	7.74	7.71	7.30
Food & kindred prods.	353.28	371.37	385.12	38.4	40.9	41.5	9.20	9.08	9.28
Textile mill prods.	267.63	275.09	267.24	39.3	40.1	40.8	6.81	6.86	6.55
Apparel	215.59	215.07	207.52	37.3	37.6	37.8	5.78	5.72	5.49
Paper & allied prods.	446.45	427.21	432.25	46.7	45.4	47.5	9.56	9.41	9.10
Print., pub. & allied	308.44	314.41	305.45	38.7	39.4	41.0	7.97	7.98	7.45
Leather & lea. prods.	196.27	188.91	181.84	35.3	34.1	33.8	5.56	5.54	5.38
Footwear	182.00	173.30	167.31	34.6	33.2	33.0	5.26	5.22	5.07
Other nondurables	333.73	336.61	321.15	40.6	41.1	41.6	8.22	8.19	7.72

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 54

Total Production Workers: 86,000

Firms Reporting: 331

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984
All manufacturing	$322.80	$318.40	$298.00	40.0	39.8	40.0	$8.07	$8.00	$7.45
Durable goods	351.01	348.53	317.59	40.3	40.2	40.1	8.71	8.67	7.92
Mach. & elec. prods.	356.73	357.62	317.18	40.4	41.2	40.2	8.83	8.68	7.89
Other durables	343.36	334.76	317.21	40.3	38.7	39.8	8.52	8.65	7.97
Nondurable goods	283.61	279.42	275.60	39.5	39.3	40.0	7.18	7.11	6.89
Textiles & apparel	269.72	268.92	255.36	39.9	40.5	39.9	6.76	6.64	6.40
Other nondurables	289.30	283.67	284.40	39.2	38.7	40.0	7.38	7.33	7.11

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 46

Total Production Workers: 11,200

Firms Reporting: 36

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984
All manufacturing	$403.51	$402.37	$384.89	40.8	41.4	41.7	$9.89	$9.79	$9.23
Durable goods	409.12	406.55	391.70	41.2	41.4	42.3	9.93	9.82	9.26
Mach. & elec. prods.	429.34	431.42	416.91	40.2	40.7	41.9	10.68	10.60	9.95
Other durables	353.83	343.13	323.88	43.9	43.6	43.3	8.06	7.87	7.48
Nondurable goods	378.30	381.52	358.29	39.0	39.7	39.2	9.70	9.61	9.14

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 46

Total Production Workers: 21,350

Firms Reporting: 65

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending April 1985

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	13,323	6,257	2,037	960	1,295	574
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	1,152	446	100	20	174	34
Managerial (18,19)	587	222	131	60	134	63
Clerical (20-24)	2,287	1,885	336	275	214	152
Sales (25-29)	600	288	119	41	43	18
Services (3)	2,078	1,260	327	205	99	54
Farm (4)	172	34	13	1	11	2
Processing (5)	254	89	39	14	38	15
Machine Trade (6)	1,328	510	189	78	89	16
Benchwork (7)	1,532	1,112	261	189	236	160
Structural (8)	1,825	86	254	11	133	15
Miscellaneous (9)	1,443	290	254	57	119	41
Unclassified	65	35	14	9	5	4

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	April 1985	March 1985	July 1, 1984 to January 30, 1985
Total applicants for employment	3,123	3,320	31,824
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,557	2,012	24,290
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,236	1,573	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,063	1,035	11,573

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